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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year 1967, in accordance with Circular 1/68 of the Ministry of Health.

The steady exodus of persons from Cumberland has not been reflected in the population figure of Maryport, which remains the same as in 1966 (12,150).

Similarly the unemployment figure for the district has not followed the rise of that of the Country generally. In fact, the number of persons unemployed in Maryport in 1967 is slightly lower than in the previous year.

The birthrate shows a satisfactory rise, but I am sorry to report that the infantile mortality rate has not shown the same downward trend that it had taken previously during the past three years.

Rainfall during the year has been excessive, and flooding in areas of Maryport and Flimby was a cause of great anxiety. Preventive measures have since been taken by the Council which it is hoped will ensure that there is no flooding in these districts in the future. The majority of houses flooded in the "Down Street" area of Maryport, due to a freak high tide which breeched the sea wall, were in a state of disrepair before the floods and have since been closed for demolition and the occupants re-housed.

The problem of housing is still an urgent one. No houses or bungalows were built by the Council during the year and only twenty-three were built by private enterprise. The demand for bungalows for the elderly and handicapped is still very great.

Twenty flatlets for old people (four double and sixteen single) built in conjunction with the County Council neared completion by the end of the year. At the time of writing these have now been completed and have helped to relieve the pressure of demands for suitable accommodation for elderly handicapped persons. The twenty-four people who occupy these flatlets have settled in them very comfortably and happily.

A Home for Younger Handicapped Persons, a project of the County Council, is nearing completion and should be of great value in housing and occupying some of the less fortunate young members of the community.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Council for their continued support during the year. Mr. Thompson, the Senior Public Health Inspector, and Mr. Logan, the Additional Public Health Inspector, for their help and co-operation, Mr. Waugh, the Clerk of the Council, and his staff, and my colleagues in the County Health Department, General Practice and Hospital Services for their help.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ENID M. O. CAMPBELL,

Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health: Enid M. O. Campbell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M. and H.

Senior Public Health Inspector: S. Thompson.

Certificates held:—

1. Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Joint Board.
2. Royal Sanitary Institute as Inspector of Meats and other Foods.
3. Royal Sanitary Institute in Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works.
4. Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes: Senior Grouped Course Certificate in Building.

Additional Public Health Inspector: D. Logan.

Certificates held:—

Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF AREA

Area (in acres)—3,200.

Registrar-General's estimate of population (mid 1967)	12,150
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	4,152
Rateable Value 	£298,212
Sum represented by Penny Rate ... £1,242 11s. 0d.	
Actual Product of Penny Rate £1,155 7s. 7d.	

UNEMPLOYMENT

Total number of persons unemployed ... 551 (420 M. 131 F.)	
Total number of persons unemployed in 1966 565	

RAINFALL

Month						Rainfall in inches
January 						2.17
February 						4.01
March 						2.18
April 						1.48
May 						5.47
June 						2.43
July 						5.25
August 						3.03
September 						5.71
October 						9.39
November 						2.28
December 						2.58
Total 						<hr/> 45.98 <hr/>

These records are kindly supplied by W. M. Tinkler, Esq., Workington Iron and Steel Company. They are taken in Workington but are considered to be records most nearly approximating Maryport's rainfall.

VITAL STATISTICS

Mothers and Infants

LIVE BIRTHS

Number	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	221
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.2
Illegitimate Births (per cent of total live births)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.1

COMPARISON OF BIRTH RATES

Cumberland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.0
Rural Districts of Cumberland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.3
Urban Districts of Cumberland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17.0
England and Wales	17.2
Maryport	18.2

INFANT DEATHS

(Deaths under one year)	4
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Causes of Infant Deaths:—

Broncho pneumonia, Acute Myocarditis, Resp. Distress Syndrome, Hydrops Foetalis.

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.10
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.35
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Neonatal Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.57
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.05
Perinatal Mortality Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(Stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 live and stillbirths)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39.6
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

INFANTILE MORTALITY AND STILLBIRTH RATES IN MARYPORT DURING PAST 10 YEARS

Year	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Infantile Mortality Rate	18.10	4.72	14.29	16.33	25.25	44.33	24.15	19.70	13.16	48.67
Perinatal Mortality Rate	39.65	13.91	27.91	39.68	39.41	48.70	33.02	43.06	48.25	17.69
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	9.05	0	4.76	12.24	15.15	39.41	9.66	14.78	8.77	17.69
Neonatal Mortality Rate	13.57	4.72	9.52	12.24	20.20	39.41	14.49	14.78	8.77	22.12
Stillbirth Rate	27.15	13.95	23.26	27.78	24.63	9.78	23.58	23.87	37.97	0

DEATHS

Total Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	146
Crude Death Rate		...	...	...	...	...	12.02
Adjusted Death Rate		...	...	...	...	...	14.30

AGE GROUPS IN YEARS:—

Under											
1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85-94	95-100
4	1	1	2	0	1	15	25	36	40	19	2

66% of the deaths occurring in Maryport during the year were in persons over the age of 65 years.

COMPARISON OF DEATH RATES

Cumberland	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.3
Rural Districts of Cumberland				...	...	...	11.3
Urban Districts of Cumberland				...	...	...	11.4
England and Wales		...	...	...	...	...	11.2
Maryport	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.0

CAUSES OF DEATH IN MARYPORT ACCORDING TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION

							M.	F.
					All Causes	...	86	60
Tuberculosis Respiratory	...	...	...	...			0	0
Tuberculosis Other	...	...	...	...			0	0
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...			0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...			0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...			0	0
Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	...			0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...			0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...			0	0
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	...	...	...	...			0	1
Malignant Neoplasm of the Stomach	...	...	...	...			5	0
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...			5	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	...	...	...	...			0	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	...	...	...	...			0	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	...			10	5
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...			0	1
Diabetes	...	...	...	...			2	4
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...			10	13
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...			20	3
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...			1	2
Other Heart Disease	...	...	...	...			3	13
Other Circulatory Disease	...	...	...	...			6	3
Influenza	...	...	...	...			1	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...			1	0
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...			7	1
Other Disease of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...			0	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...			2	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...			0	0
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	...			0	0
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...			0	0
Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	...	...	...	...			0	0
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...			0	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	...	...	...	...			6	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...			1	1
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...			4	3
Suicide	...	...	...	...			0	0
Homicide	...	...	...	...			0	0

SERVICES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

WATER SUPPLY

Total samples taken for bacteriological examination	...	...	112
Number of samples reported satisfactory	...	...	106
Number of samples reported suspicious	...	...	2
Number of samples reported unsatisfactory	...	...	4

During the year the water supply has been very satisfactory. The number of samples taken which were unsatisfactory proved negligible and in all cases righted themselves quickly.

It is hoped that fluoridation of the water supply will take place in 1968.

SWIMMING BATHS

Out of eighteen samples of water taken from the Netherhall swimming baths, two were unsatisfactory.

HOUSING

Number of dwellings completed by private enterprise—

New dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Dwellings by conversion	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

Number of dwellings completed by the Council—

New dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Dwellings by conversion	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

Allocations of Improvement Grants under the Housing Financial Provisions Act, 1958—

Standard	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Discretionary	...	...	...	...	...	...	19

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Total number of Infectious Diseases notified	344
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Infectious Diseases Notified	Number of Notifications
Scarlet Fever	1
Pneumonia	4
Measles	325
Erysipelas	3
Whooping Cough	5
Food Poisoning	0
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	6
(Non pulmonary)	0

SERVICES UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The County Council carries out the following services in the County Clinic, Selby Terrace:—

Child Welfare Clinics, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m.

Dental Clinics — By appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinics — By appointment.

Chiropody Clinics — By appointment.

Immunisation Clinics, 1st Wednesday of each month at 1-30 p.m.

By arrangement with the County Medical Officer the General Practitioners carry out immunisations in the Selby Terrace Clinic on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

Cytology Clinics are held by a Health Visitor in the General Practitioners' surgery on alternate Mondays from 1-30—4-30 p.m. and 5-30—6-30 p.m., with a doctor in attendance.

IMMUNISATIONS CARRIED OUT DURING 1967

POLIOMYELITIS

Number of persons immunised	...	...	...	...	265
Number of persons who received 1st booster doses	...				185

DIPHTHERIA

Number of children immunised	...	...	...	...	287
Number of children who received booster doses	...				318

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND WHOOPING COUGH (Triple Vaccine)

Number of infants immunised	...	...	...	...	185
Number of infants who received booster doses	...	...			137

TETANUS

Number of children immunised	...	...	...	...	287
Number of children who received booster doses	...	...			317

TUBERCULOSIS

Number of children born in 1954 vaccinated			90
Other ages	33

SMALLPOX

Number of vaccinations	67
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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' REPORT AND SUMMARY

SHOPS

Ninety-four visits of inspection to shops dealing in all classes of goods were made, including visits for the abatement of nuisances, condemnation of unsound food, etc.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The system of drainage and sewerage remains the same.

195 visits were made to new and existing buildings for the purpose of testing or inspecting drains and sewers.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

As from Monday, the 5th June, 1967, a new system of refuse collection came into operation. While collections of household refuse have been maintained at twice per week, a further once-weekly visit is now made to all premises to collect paper and cardboard which is baled and sold to Thames Board Mills Ltd. The new system has operated most satisfactorily.

Adequate supplies of coal washery waste have been obtained whenever needed from Risehow Colliery for use as covering material on the Flimby Tip. Once again the refuse tip has been kept free of rats and fires throughout the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES INSPECTIONS

	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(1) Factories without Mechanical Power	6	—	—	—
(2) Factories with Mechanical Power	35	10	—	—
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	7	30	—	—
Total ...	48	40	—	—

Cases in which defects were found—

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Prosecutions
Want of Cleanliness	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—			
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—
Other offences	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—
	—	—	—

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAW OR REGULATIONS

(a) **Offensive Trades**—There is no offensive trade carried on in the district.

(b) **Moveable Dwellings and Camping Sites**—There are no licensed caravan sites within the Urban District. Land at Risehow close to the slag bank on the foreshore was again occupied as a caravan site by gypsies for varying periods during the year. This irregular use of land as a caravan site constitutes a sanitary problem of some gravity, which is not entirely satisfactorily dealt with by ensuring that the gypsies move on. Circular 26/66 issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government indicates that this problem is best dealt with by the provision of properly equipped caravan sites where necessary and that each County Council should take the initiative in assessing need, and, in consultation with district councils, in deciding how this need can best be met.

(c) **Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960**—122 visits were made to premises to which the Regulations apply. Four notices were served requiring that steps be taken to comply with the Regulations.

VERMINOUS HOUSES

No houses were found to be infested with bed-bugs. One house (not a council house) was treated for cockroach infestation and insecticide was made available to persons complaining of ants, fleas, etc.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, the Council is directly responsible for ensuring that its area is kept free from rats and mice, so far as is practicable. No statutory action was taken during the year as I prefer to work with and assist occupiers of infested premises using the techniques and poisons recommended by the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Thirty-five visits were made for the purpose of investigating complaints of infestation by rats and mice, advising occupiers as to the eradication of the vermin, laying poisoned baits, and treatment of the Council's sewers.

PIGEONS, PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1961, SECTION 74

Action to reduce a considerable pigeon nuisance in Maryport was continued during the year. 114 pigeons were destroyed, chiefly by trapping. Invaluable assistance in this work was given by the County Pests Officer. Because of the high breeding rate and the difficulty of locating or dealing with all nesting and roosting sites the destruction of pigeons in Maryport may well need to be continued indefinitely. Twelve visits were made in connection with this work.

MEAT OR OTHER FOODS

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned
in whole or in Part, 1967

	Cattle (Excluding Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed ...	1,277	499	318	9,564	590
Number inspected ...	1,277	499	318	9,564	590
All diseases except					
Tuberculosis and Cysticerci—					
Whole carcases condemned	1	4	6	2	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	30	14	0	27	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci ...	2.4	3.6	0	0.3	0.3
Tuberculosis only—					
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	0	0	0	0	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	0	0	0	0	0.3
Cysticercosis—					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	5	0	—	—	—
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	5	0	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ...	0	0	—	—	—

A Public Health Inspector was in attendance at all times when required for the inspection of meat and the methods and criteria adopted were those recommended in the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, which came into operation on 1st October, 1963.

Examination for tapeworm cyst (*Cysticercus Bovis*) revealed the presence of this parasite in five beasts. The cysts were found in the head in all cases. The heads were condemned and the carcasses sent to a cold store for freezing treatment before being released.

The following slaughtering took place:—

	Beasts	Sheep	Pigs	Calves
1967:	1,776	9,564	590	318
1966:	808	9,869	665	1

There are eight licensed slaughtermen in the Maryport Urban District.

The amount of food condemned and disposed of as being unfit for human consumption was as follows:—

	lbs.
Beef (including offal)	3,231
Mutton (including offal)	164
Pork (including offal)	252
Veal (including offal)	178
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Total Meat	3,825
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Fish, etc.	388
Canned Goods	893
Other Food	2,817

With reference to the foregoing figures:—

The 388 lbs. of fish were condemned chiefly for decomposition.

The canned goods comprised: Peaches, apricots, pineapples, cooked ham, tomatoes, condensed milk, beans, etc.

All the food material was surrendered voluntarily by the tradesmen concerned. The condemned fish and canned food were disposed of by burial on the Council's refuse tip. The meat condemned at the slaughterhouse was disposed of by the Ministry of Food prior to July, 1954; since that date condemned meat has been sold to a Penrith bone and chemical company.

Bakehouses—There are nine bakehouses on the register, all of which may be considered non-domestic. It was not found necessary to take action in respect of conditions at bakehouses during the year.

Other Premises where Food is prepared—122 inspections were made of premises where food is prepared or sold. There are five premises registered under Section 16 (1) (b) of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, three for the preparation of preserved food and two for the preparation of meat products.

Ice Cream—Thirty-eight premises are registered for the sale and five premises for the manufacture of ice cream.

Four samples of ice cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Carlisle for examination. Of these, two samples were reported on as Grade 1, one as Grade 2 and one as Grade 4.

Summary supplied by the Public Health Inspector to the Medical Officer of Health in pursuance of Article 27 (18) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations, 1935.

NUISANCES:—

Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	125
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	115
Nuisances unabated or work in hand	...	...	...	...	...	10
Visits made re Clean Air Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:—

Visits to infectious cases	...	...	...	...	...	1
Patients removed to Isolation Hospital	0
Houses disinfected	1

WATER SUPPLIES:—

Water samples taken	112
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HOUSING:—

Number of inspections made under the Housing Acts	153
Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation	39
Number of houses demolished—						
(a) in pursuance of demolition orders	...	...	...	...	...	24
(b) otherwise	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of visits made under the Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	153
Representations for closing or demolition	...	...	...	...	...	39
Closing Orders served	...	...	...	...	...	9
Closing Orders determined	...	...	...	...	...	9
Demolition Orders made	...	...	...	...	...	34
Demolition Orders revoked	...	...	...	...	...	3
Housing Administration: Visits	...	...	...	...	...	201
Condemned Houses: Visits	...	...	...	...	...	38

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND MEAT, Etc., INSPECTION:—

No. of Slaughtermen	...	...	...	...	...	8
No. of Visits to Slaughter-Houses for meat inspection						
and enforcing regulations, etc.					Daily visits made.	

FACTORIES, etc.:—

Visits to the various premises during the year:—

Factories	...	...	...	...	...	40
Shops and Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	126
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, General						
Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	18

CONTROL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE:—

Visits to the Refuse Tip	Daily visits made.
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NOTICES SERVED:—

Under the Public Health Acts (Informal)	33
Under the Public Health Acts (Statutory)	4
Under the Housing Acts (Informal)	41
Under the Housing Acts (Statutory)	83

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